

Friends of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018

Present: Joe Giffune, Carmel Steger, Chris Steger, Bob Pac, George Hart, Alice Flyte, Mike Young, Don Podolski, John Tassinari, Dan Call, Mark Cressotti, Carolyn Cacolice, Eric Hall

Guests: Paul Cacolice, JoAnne Podolski, Donna Green

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm from the Columbia Greenway Esplanade.

Previous meeting minutes: Carmel moved to approve, seconded by John. Motion passed.

Mark Cressotti/Westfield Engineering Dept.

Greenway: CPS funding vote by City Council set for the first Thursday in July. Hope to advertise construction in spring of 2019 with shovel in ground summer of 2019. City Council subcommittee to review Elm Street bridge options, design to include slowing of bike traffic and pull offs.

Western Ave.: certifying right of ways, waiting for WSU right of way clearance. Looking to submit plans to state by end of August 2018. Extension of path from Noble to town center is in discussions. Public hearing to be scheduled for east end path soon.

Levy Improvements: approval by state and city, public hearing on city budget in June 2018 which has funds allocated to levy.

Rail trail Bridge: targeted opening in August 2018.

Eric Hall

Vandalism on rail trail has been limited so far. PD electric scooter is no longer available. Several calls about bear(s) resulted in discussion about what the Friends group could do.

Vice Chair (Carmel Steger)

Continuing to work on memberships, still having issues with FOCGRT email. Joe Carmel will work to rectify issues. Introduced visitor Donna Green who may be interested in joining FOCGRT.

Treasurer's Report (Joe Giffune)

P&L balance sheet to be forwarded by Joe Giffune.

Director of Planning and Resources Report (Ashley Eaton)

No report

Director of Maintenance (Bob Pac/George Hart)

Report submitted, Westfield G&E is supposed to be keeping trail mowed, discussion about Westfield Park and Rec and DPW also being responsible for grass mowing. Bob will inquire with the Traffic Commission about installing a No Turn on Red sign at the Stop & Shop light due to hazards of crossing the street. Eric Hall to also follow up. George received an email from the Board of Health. Erosion control at the wash out areas is planned.

Director of Membership (Alice Flyte)

July 10th starts the Tuesday's on the trail, signage for the trail discussed at table of events, handed out FOCGRT brochure, discussion about naming opportunities, Alice to send email about contacting City Solicitor regarding process, Alice is planning on having a vendor table at the Golden Spike meeting.

Westfield 350 (George Hart)

Event dates are May 17, 18 & 19 2019. There was a meeting on May 11 of all committees, 350th has a web site that has more details, at the FOCGRT September meeting a decision needs to be made on what FOCGRT will be sponsoring.

Old Business:

- 1.

New Business:

1. Kiwanas bike helmet donation discussion.
- 2.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 18 at the YMCA. Note: Carmel and Chris will not be in attendance.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Chris, second by Bob, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.